

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, under "Description of the Related Art", please replace the second paragraph with the following new paragraph:

As shown in Figs. 16 and 17, [[An]] an inside handle 1 operated for opening and closing the door, a remote control mechanism 5 for transmitting the movement of the inside handle 1 and an outside handle 4 to pole members of latch mechanism 2, 3, for maintaining the door in a closing state by engaging the door with a body, a locking actuator for operating an engagement and disengagement mechanism provided on the remote control mechanism 5 for being intermittent a path transmitting the movement of the inside handle 1 and the outside handle 4 to the pole members and so on are mounted at the inside of the inner panel, and a window regulator 7 for moving up and down the window glass and the latch mechanisms 2, 3 are mounted at the outside of inner panel.

Page 3, replace the last paragraph (under "Description of the Preferred Embodiment") bridging page 4 with the following new paragraph:

Hereinafter, a preferred embodiment of the present invention will be explained referring to drawings. Fig. 1 is a front view of a sliding type door 10 for a motor vehicle in which a trim is removed according to the present invention. Fig. 2 is a partial sectional side view of the sliding door 10 for a motor vehicle. Fig. 3 is a front view of a module structure 22 in which a ~~plural~~ plurality of functional components are mounted to a module base 21. As shown in Fig. 1 to Fig. 3, a window portion 15 penetrates an upper side region 14 of a door main body 13 which is formed by connecting between an

outer panel 11 and an inner panel 12 at their peripheral portions and is provided. In a lower side region 19, a space 17 in which a window glass 16 for opening and closing the window portion 15 is disposed so as to be able to move up and down is formed between the outer panel 11 and the inner panel 12. The numeral 18 is a trim which is mounted at the inside of a compartment of the door main body 13. There is a case that water enters from outside of vehicle to the outside of a compartment which is outside of the inner panel 12, but water does not enter to the inside of the compartment which is inside.

Page 4, replace the first full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

A horizontally long module mounting opening 20 is formed near the window portion 15 at the lower side region 19 of the inner panel 12. A peripheral portion of a module base 21 is overlapped with a peripheral portion of the module mounting opening 20 and is fluid-tightly fixed thereto through a seal, and a module structure 22 constituted by mounting a ~~plural~~ plurality of functional components to the module base 21 is fixed to the inner panel 12 from the inside of the compartment. As shown in Fig. 3, the module structure 22 is constituted by mounting a inside handle 23 for opening and closing the sliding door 10, a front side latch mechanism 24 for maintaining the sliding door 10 in a closing state by engaging the sliding door 10 with a body, a remote control mechanism 28 for transmitting the movement of the inside handle 23 and an outside handle 27 to pole members of the front side latch mechanism 24 and a rear side latch mechanism 25, a locking actuator 30 for engaging and disengaging an engagement mechanism 29 provided on the remote control mechanism 28 for being intermittent a path transmitting the movement of the inside handle 23 and the outside handle 27 to the pole members of

the front side latch mechanism 24 and the rear side latch mechanism 25, a release actuator 31 for entering the movement to the remote control mechanism 28 for moving the pole members of the front side latch mechanism 24 and the rear side latch mechanism 25 to a door opening allowed position, a window regulator 32 for moving up and down the window glass 16 and so on to the module base 21.

Page 6, replace the first full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

The numeral 53 is resinous bracket. As shown in Fig. 7, a T-shaped projection [[54]] 170 formed on a back surface is fitted into a T-shaped hole 55 formed on the module base 21 while aligning a transversal line portion and is moved toward the upper end of the longitudinal line of the hole 55, and both side portions and a lower end portion of the longitudinal line portion of the hole 55 are engaged with a slit having the same width as the thickness of the module base 21 which is formed on a foot of both side of the transversal line portion and the lower end of the longitudinal line portion of the T-shaped projection [[54]] 170, the bracket 53 is contacted and fixed to the module base 21. A tension spring 56 which is disposed on a spring stopping portion of the bracket 53 urges the inside door opening lever 45b so as to rotate clockwise. The rotation of the inside door opening lever 45b clockwise is regulated by contacting a projection 162 (Fig. 11) with a stopper formed on the bracket 53. A tension spring 58 which is disposed on the spring stopping portion of the bracket 53 urges the door closing lever 46 so as to rotate clockwise. The rotation of the door closing lever 46 is regulated by contacting a projection 72 with the outside door opening lever 45a. The rotation of the outside door opening lever 45a is regulated by contacting with a stopper 57 made of resin. The stopper 57 is fixed to the module base 21 by the engagement of

a T-shaped projecting portion with a T-shaped hole ~~as same as~~ formed on the bracket 53.

Page 8, replace the first full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

A wire 86 of the cable 85 is connected to an upper end of the first lift lever 47 and a coating tube 87 is fixed to a cable stopper 88 formed on the bracket 53. As shown in Fig. 2, the cable 85 being a connecting member is derived to the outside of the compartment through a hole 89 formed between the inner panel 12 and the module base 21 and is connected to the pole member of the rear side latch mechanism 25. The hole 89 is extended upward and down ward and is formed so as to isolate regionally the inner panel 12 from the module base 21 at a portion in which an upper side edge of the module mounting opening 20 is located lower than an upper side edge of the module base 21. Since the hole 89 is formed upward and downward at the outside of the compartment so that the upper side edge of the module mounting opening 20 is located lower, water can be prevented from entering from the outside of the compartment to the inside of the compartment. Thereby, it is able to transmit the opening movement of the inside handle 23 for moving the rear side latch mechanism 25 for maintaining the sliding door 10 in the closing state by engaging the sliding door 10 with the body to a door opening allowed state or the movement of the outside handle 27 to the rear side latch mechanism 25 through the remote control mechanism 28. The rotation of the first lift lever 47 ~~[[in]]~~ clockwise is regulated by contacting a projection 160 of the first lift lever 47 to a stopper 161.

Page 9, replace the last paragraph bridging page 10 with the following new paragraph:

The window regulator 32 is mounted on the module base 21. As shown in Fig. 12 and Fig. 13, T shaped reinforcing plate 135 is fixed on a side face of outside of the compartment of the module base 21. The reinforcing plate ~~[[35]]~~ 135 has minimum size in order to lighten the weight. Both ends of a top panel portion 141 of the reinforcing plate 135 are fixed to the module base 21 by screws 136. An inner edge of a bearing hole which is formed in a center portion of the top panel portion 141 is bent toward the inside of the compartment and a bearing portion 148 is formed, and a drive shaft 137 is rotatably supported. On an end portion of the drive shaft 137 which projects toward the outside of the compartment, a rotation center portion of a sector gear 138 and one end of the drive link 150 are fixed thereon so as to regulate the relative rotation. Both ends of the bearing portion 148 is nipped between a flange portion formed on the drive shaft 137 and the sector gear 138 and the movement in the axial direction of the drive shaft 137 is regulated. A strip-shaped portion 142 extended from the top panel portion 141 of the reinforcing plate 135 bends outside along the way and passes through a sectorial penetrating hole 140 formed on a center portion of the sector gear ~~[[38]]~~ 138, and is positioned at the outside with respect to the sector gear 138. The strip-shaped portion 142 extends in parallel with the sector gear 138 and supports rotatably a shaft portion of a pinion 143 meshed with the sector gear ~~[[38]]~~ 138 as an output member. The end portion of the strip-shaped portion 142 bends inside and overlaps with the module base 121. The screw 136 penetrates this overlapped portion and is screwed to a fixing seat 144 of a moving up and down actuator 147 which contacts with a side face of the inside of the compartment of the module base 121, and the end portion of the strip-shaped portion 142 is fixed to the module base 121. In a portion of the module base 121 which

is opposite to the pinion 143, an opening 145 is formed and a mounting plate 146 is fixed so as to close the opening 145. The moving up and down actuator 147 including a motor and a speed reduction mechanism is mounted on the mounting plate 146 and an output shaft is connected to the pinion 143.

Page 12, replace the last paragraph bridging page 13, with the following new paragraph:

According to the embodiment, since the ~~plural~~ plurality of functional components are mounted to the module base almost without the bracket and are constituted as a module and it is able to adjust the operation as the module structure, it is able to decrease the number of parts and the weight. Further, it is able reduce the assembling time and cost by decrease the number of man-hour in assembling process of a vehicle and the number of parts.